



Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Galleries of Art

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Friends of Fryeburg Academy and Pace Galleries of Art,

We are excited to announce the successful restoration of Benjamin Tupper Newman's painting *Lunchtime in Brittany*. Considered Newman's masterwork, this piece was exhibited at the prestigious Salon de Paris in 1887. Notably, Newman lived and painted in Pont-Aven, France, alongside the renowned Post-Impressionist artist Paul Gauguin.

As a former Fryeburg resident and fine art teacher at FA, it is only fitting that his restored work be proudly exhibited at Fryeburg Academy.

Over time, this 140-year-old painting required extensive cleaning and conservation, along with major structural and cosmetic repairs to its original gilded frame. Thanks to the generosity of former faculty member and longtime Academy friend Bill Housum, this restoration is now complete. We are deeply grateful for Bill's support.

To celebrate, our next major exhibit will be a tribute to Newman, showcasing a wide array of his works spanning his lifetime. The highlight of the exhibit will be the unveiling of the restored *Lunchtime in Brittany*, which will take its place as the new centerpiece in the lobby of the Leura Hill Eastman PAC.

While our collection includes a few of Newman's works, we invite you to contribute to this special exhibit by loaning any pieces you may own. This is a rare opportunity to see a comprehensive collection of Newman's work in a gallery setting, some of which may not have been publicly displayed for many years.

The exhibit will open on **August 23rd at 2 PM**. To ensure a smooth curation process, we will collect loaned works earlier in the summer.

If you are interested in loaning a piece for this exhibit, please contact me at **mdana@fryeburgacademy.org**.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to celebrating Newman's legacy with you in August.

Mike Dana

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